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Inventor Mark Fischer, et al.
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Group Art Unit 1765
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Title: Semiconductor Processing Methods of Forming a Conductive Projection and
Methods of Increasing Alignment Tolerances

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO JUNE 14, 2002 OFFICE ACTION TO ACCOMPANY RCE FILING

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Response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2002, Applicant amends and
remarks as follows:

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please replace the claims with the following clean version of the entire set
of pending claims, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(i). Cancel all
previous versions of any pending claim.

A marked-up version showing amendments to any claims being changed
in provided in one or more accompanying pages separate from this amendment

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